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Highlights

- Prices • Number of farms • Farm Labor
- Cattle on feed • Honey • Trout
- Oregon Top Ten Crops in Value

Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Feb 2003	U.S. prices Feb 15 2004 ^{1/}	Oregon		
			Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 15 2004 ^{1/}
Crops:					
Wheat, bu	\$ 3.70	3.68	3.64	3.72	3.77
Barley, bu	\$ 2.87	2.62	2.34	2.43	2.55
Oats, bu	\$ 2.11	1.51	--	--	--
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton	\$ 96.20	84.70	93.00	99.00	91.00
Hay, All Baled, ton	\$ 91.40	79.90	92.00	97.00	92.00
Potatoes, cwt	\$ 6.33	5.62	5.60	5.30	5.40
Onions, fr, cwt	\$ 14.90	20.00	--	--	--
Sweet corn, fr, cwt	\$ 24.00	20.20	--	--	--
Pears, fr, ton	\$ 322.00	346.00	--	--	--
Apples, fr, lbs	\$.246	.294	--	--	--
Strawberries, fr, lbs	\$.877	1.32	--	--	--
Livestock/products:					
Steers/heifers, cwt	\$ 78.20	81.60	77.00	86.90	84.00
Slaughter cows, cwt	\$ 38.90	46.20	39.30	44.50	44.40
Calves, cwt	\$ 97.20	110.00	91.00	99.00	98.00
Lambs, cwt	\$ 92.40	--	86.50	91.00	--
Sheep, cwt	\$ 44.00	--	37.00	35.50	--
All milk sold to plants, cwt	\$ 11.40	13.30	--	--	--
Fat test %	3.75	3.75	--	--	--
Eggs, doz	\$.593	.875	--	--	--

^{1/} Preliminary.

United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Feb 2001	Feb 2002	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004
Broiler feed	7.2	6.5	5.4	*5.6	5.7
Hog-corn	20.0	19.9	14.7	*15.4	16.9
Milk feed	3.06	3.00	2.35	*2.71	2.60

* Revised.

Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004
All farm products	*659	724	*111	134	121
All crops	*661	710	*118	145	126
Livestock & products	*655	768	*90	107	105

* Revised.

United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004
Prices received	*628	718	99	111	113
Prices paid ^{1/}	*1,698	1,730	*128	130	130
Ratio ^{2/}	37	42	*77	85	87

^{1/} Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

^{2/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14=100 Base is the parity ratio.

* Revised.

These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month. For more, see www.usda.gov/or and select Economic Data.

Oregon's 2003 Top Ten Crops in Value of Production

2003 Ranking	Crop	Value of production	
		2002	2003
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1	Greenhouse & nursery products	727,000	777,663 ^{1/}
2	Hay, all	339,333	365,694
3	Grass seed, all ^{1/}	277,876	291,698
4	Wheat, all	126,382	199,778
5	Christmas trees ^{1/}	160,190	158,003
6	Onions, all	80,974	108,256
7	Potatoes, all	141,269	96,953
8	Pears, all	63,053	72,212
9	Cherries, all	28,169	41,876
10	Hazelnuts	19,500	36,750

^{1/} Estimates from the Extension Economic Information Office, Oregon State University. Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service Greenhouse and Nursery estimate released late summer.

Oregon trout

The 2003 total value of sales for Oregon trout was \$506,000. The total value of trout distributed was \$2,332,000.

Oregon honey production up

U.S. honey production for 2003 from producers with five or more hives totaled 181 million pounds. There were 2.59 million producing colonies in 2003, up 1 percent from 2002. Yield per colony was at 69.9 pounds.

Oregon honey production was 2.142 million pounds, up 1.7 percent from a year ago. There were 42,000 producing hives, yielding an average of 51 pounds per hive.

Number of colonies, production and value, 2002-2003 ^{1/}

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Avg. price per pound	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Oregon	43	42	49	51	2,107	2,142	135	126
California	470	480	50	67	23,500	32,160	132	142
Idaho	100	100	57	46	5,700	4,600	137	135
Washington	50	58	51	56	2,550	3,248	127	152
United States	2,574	2,590	66.7	70.0	171,718	181,096	132.7	140.4

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies.

Farms and land in farms

Farms in Oregon in 2003 were estimated at 40,000, unchanged from 2002. A farm is defined as an establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Land in farms in Oregon, at 17.2 million acres, has remained relatively constant, with some decline shown these last 10 years.

percent fewer than in 2002. The decline in farms occurred in all sales categories except the \$250,000 - \$499,000 class, which remained unchanged. Total land in farms, at 938.8 million acres, decreased 1,550,000 acres from 2002. The average size farm in the U.S. in 2003 was 441 acres. The decline in number of farms and land in farms continues to reflect consolidation in farming operations and competition for agricultural land for other uses.

U.S. farm numbers in 2003 is estimated at 2.13 million, 0.4

Number of farms and land in farms ^{1/}, 1991-2003

Year	Oregon			United States		
	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size farms	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size farms
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1991	37,000	17,800	481	2,117	981,736	464
1992	37,500	17,500	467	2,108	978,503	464
1993	37,500	17,500	467	2,202	968,845	440
1994	38,000	17,500	461	2,198	965,935	440
1995	38,500	17,500	455	2,196	962,515	438
1996	38,500	17,500	455	2,191	958,675	438
1997	39,000	17,500	449	2,191	956,010	436
1998	39,500	17,300	438	2,192	952,080	434
1999	40,000	17,300	433	2,187	948,460	434
2000	40,000	17,300	433	2,167	945,080	436
2001	40,000	17,200	430	2,149	942,070	438
2002	40,000	17,200	430	2,135	940,300	440
2003	40,000	17,200	430	2,127	938,750	441

^{1/} A farm is an establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

U. S. Cattle on feed up 4 percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. The inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003 but 4 percent below February 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million, 16 percent below 2003 and 20 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.65 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 362,000, 600-699 pounds were 466,000, 700-799 pounds were 576,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 342,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, down 10 percent from 2003 and down 14 percent from 2002. Other disappearance totaled 94,000 during January, 25 percent above 2003 and 6 percent above 2002.

Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots, United States, February 1, 2002-2004

Item	Number			2004
	2002	2003	2004	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>%</i>
On feed January ^{1/}	11,565	*10,658	*11,253	106
Placed on feed during Jan.	2,179	*2,089	1,746	84
Fed cattle marketed during January	2,083	*1,972	1,782	90
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	89	75	94	125
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	11,572	*10,700	11,123	104

^{1/} Cattle & calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

* Revised.

U.S. Hired workers wage rates up 1 percent from a year ago

There were 847,000 hired workers on the farms and ranches in the U.S. for the week of January 11-17, 2004.

On average, U.S. wage rates were up 1 percent from a year ago. All hired workers were paid \$9.41 an hour, 7 cents more than a year ago. Field workers made \$8.39 per hour, up 9 cents from last year. Livestock workers were paid \$8.84 an hour.

The average hours worked was 38.1, up 1 percent from a year ago.

There were 41,000 hired workers in the Pacific region, working an average of 38.2 hours a week.

Wage rates for all hired workers in the region were \$9.82 per hour. Field workers received \$8.58 per hour, while livestock workers were paid \$9.31 per hour.

U.S. hired farm workers and wage rates, January 11-17, 2004 ^{1/}

Area		Number of hired workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Wage rates for all hired workers	Wage rates by type of worker		
			150+ days or more	149 days or less			Field	Livestock	Field & livestock combined
		Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Hours per week	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour
PNW ^{2/}	2003	48	40	8	37.7	9.71	8.63	9.93	8.87
	2004	41	34	7	38.2	9.82	8.58	9.31	8.78
MTN ^{3/}	2003	10	9	1	35.7	8.53	8.51	8.17	8.25
	2004	12	11	1	35.4	8.92	8.29	8.72	8.64
CALIF	2003	235	195	40	40.8	9.44	8.22	10.10	8.46
	2004	195	160	35	41.6	9.46	8.40	9.30	8.54
U.S.	2003	729	614	115	37.7	9.34	8.30	8.90	8.50
	2004	667	554	113	38.1	9.41	8.39	8.84	8.55

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Includes Oregon and Washington.

^{3/} Includes Idaho, Montana & Wyoming.

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